

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the April 14th, 2014 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Michael Cohill, Bud Faircloth, Barry Fillman and Scott Fowler were present. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present. Guests: Shawn Ramsey, Chris Vogel (Diamond Materials) and Earle Dempsey (MVFC) were also present.

The agenda for the April meeting was accepted. Michael Cohill made a motion to accept the agenda, 2nd by Barry Fillman - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier addressed Shawn Ramsey who is requesting the merging of two properties on North Main Street - 31 and 33 North Main. The house on 33 North Main will be demolished and the entire property would become one lot: 31 North Main. The request was opened for comment; Barry Fillman made a motion to authorize the request and Kent County will take over the rezoning of the property. Bud Faircloth 2nd the motion - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier stated the Town of Magnolia will now open and log in bids for the repaving of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company parking lot. Three bids received:
Gateway Construction Inc., 3527 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE 19904
George and Lynch Inc., 150 Lafferty Lane, Dover, DE 19001
Diamond Materials, 924 South Heald Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

The bids will be rated next by Mayor Jim Frazier, Vice Mayor Barry Fillman and representatives of the MVFC. Decision by May 15.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Michael Cohill made a motion to accept the minutes; 2nd by Barry Fillman – Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Michael Cohill made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills; 2nd by Scott Fowler. Certified letters were sent to Cheryl Carney, Alan Forey and Dennis Consalo for delinquent water bills with no attempt to pay.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,610,000 gallons of water during March 2014. Pump 2: 828,000 gallons. Pump 3: 782,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 25' and 30'. Pump 2 ran 47 hours; Pump 3 ran 47 hours. Average chlorine is .241. Aztech completed a repair on East Walnut Street across from the school. Also inserted a curb stop at the Magnolia Trailer Park (now we can shut off water at the park). The front section or back section of the park can be shut off or both at the same time. Aztech also completed four patches and fixed spot in front of town hall. The town water will be tested for lead and copper (per state requirement) between May and September. Scott also offered to mow any vacant properties in the town this summer. 10 and 12 West Walnut are on the list. Scott will email Diane when he mows so she can add the mowing fee to their account and the cost will be recouped during sale of the property.

Mayor Frazier notified council that Nextel has left the tower and their building is now empty. We will be receiving a \$6500 check from Nextel. Sprint will remain on the water tower. Mayor Frazier met with Tom Laddick and John Harriett from Verizon and they will be taking over Nextel's place and paying almost the same monthly rent as Nextel. Verizon will remove Nextel's equipment and they will place six 12' antennas on top of the tower and possibly a top crown for better reception. Scott Fowler noted that there will be no welding to the tower. The shed location is fine and they might have to use a little more space for a generator. We have no completion date yet. We will receive \$26,400 per year with a 5 year contract (with 4 more options totaling 25 years).

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Activities since 3/10/14. 3/11 flushed all hydrants; West Walnut showing increased discoloration. 3/11-12: DelDot swept streets. 3/17 Cleared snow and salted. 4/4 Noticed small main leak at 12 East Walnut. Notified Scott. Trimmed trees for town clean up. 4/9 Notified school of water shut off on 4/10 and 4/11. 4/10 Supported leak repair and curb stop installation. We can now shut all MMHP for repairs. Flushed when repairs completed on 4/10. Total time for 4/9 & 4/10 - 11.0 hours. 4/ 11 - replaced Warning (Title 42) place cards on pump sites. 3/31 Have available DHSS notice of "Why My Water Smells". Gave out 3 to date to those who have a problem.

Mayor Frazier stated that approximately 11 people volunteered during Magnolia Clean-Up day and they brought one load of debris to his dumpster.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm was made by Michael Cohill and 2nd by Scott Fowler - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary